

Letter from Eliza Symonds Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, August 18, 1875, with transcript

Copy of Letters from Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell to her son, Alexander Graham Bell
August 18th 75 P.O. BOX 518 Brantford, Ont., Can. Home, August 18th 75 (No envelope)
My dear Aleck,

We have hoped day after day, to hear of the probable termination of your labours and of the time of your return to us. I trust that hard work and anxiety have not knocked you up again. This note I fear will be a mere scrap for I have not time for a letter. Mrs. Moncrief is with us for a few days. Indeed I have had no Sunday time for writing since my last, as we generally have some one with us on that day. Mrs. M. came last Friday and on Saturday Aunt had a large picnic up here. A big table set out on the croquet ground, and after tea swinging young ladies in the hammock, dancing and singing made the evening pass away pleasantly for all. One lady, from Buffalo, has a wonderful voice, I much wish you could have heard her. Carrie and George came down on Sunday Afternoon and carried Mrs. Moncrief off with them. She went to Aunt's next evening and spent the night there, and we met her at dinner yesterday, bringing her back here in the evening. She returns home on Saturday. I have written this so hurriedly it is hardly legible but is better than nothing. Papa is waiting to drive the girls in; there is to be a grand foresters' procession. Trusting soon to see you and with fond love in which Papa unites, I am my dear Aleck,

Your affectionate Mother, E.G.B.